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E.O. 12065: GDS 9/5/85 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR-P
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SUBJ: (U) DISAPPEARANCE OF RAUL ALBERTO ARAMENDI

1. (LOU) THE WIFE AND MOTHER OF RAUL ALBERTO ARAMENDI CALLED AT THE EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 4 TO REPORT HIS DISAPPEARANCE. THEY STATED THAT ARAMENDI WAS TAKEN FROM A LOCAL BANK AUGUST 30 BY AN ARMED POLICE CORPORAL. ARAMENDI WAS IN THE BANK TO COMPLETE SOME PAPERWORK WHEN HE WAS APPROACHED BY THE POLICE CORPORAL, AN ACTION THAT WAS WITNESSED BY SEVERAL BANK EMPLOYEES.

2. (LOU) MRS. ARAMENDI STATES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE HER HUSBAND IN ANY DETENTION CENTER. HOWEVER, THE FIRST POLICE PRECINCT OF BUENOS AIRES HAS ADMITTED TO HOLDING HIM TEMPORARILY AUGUST 30, CLAIMING THAT HE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE LATE THE SAME AFTERNOON. THE WOMEN FURTHER STATE THAT THEY SAW THE WRITTEN RECORD OF SUCH A TRANSFER.

3. (LOU) ARAMENDI WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT ORGANIZED THE VISIT TO ARGENTINA OF 1978 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER MAIREAD CORRIGAN, WHO LEFT BUENOS AIRES SEPTEMBER 4. DURING HER DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, MS. CORRIGAN DENOUNCED THIS DISAPPEARANCE (THIS PART OF HER
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4. (C) COMMENT: ARAMENDI'S ARREST BY A SINGLE UNIFORMED POLICE CORPORAL IS ONE OF THE MORE UNUSUAL BEGINNINGS OF A DISAPPEARANCE THAT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. WE ARE TRYING TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THIS CASE, FIRST BY USING POLICE CONTACTS.

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